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TO USLO PEKING PRIORITY

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TAGS: CDES, CH (SOOHOO, WING FONG)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF SOOHOO

REF: PEKING 1638

1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED DECEASED'S SON WHO INFORMED US HE BELIEVED MRS. SUE WOULD ENTER SAN FRANCISCO. DEPARTMENT ALERTED CUSTOMS AT SF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS WELL AS LOS ANGELES, SEATTLE, AND HONOLULU. NO PROBLEMS WITH CLEARANCE OF CREMAINS AND EFFECTS ANTICIPATED.

2. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT IF IN SOME FUTURE CAS UNCREMATED REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED TO U.S., THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATED TO PERFORM CONSULAR FUNCTIONS CONSIDER ATTEMPTING TO VIEW REMAINS PRIOR TO SEALING OF CASKET IF SWORN STATEMENT FROM MORTICIAN CANNOT BE OBTAINED. DEPARTMENT AWARE THIS COULD BE DONE ONLY IF DEATH OCCURRED IN OR NEAR PEKING. AFTER VIEWING SEALING, US OFFICIAL COULD THEN STATE IN LETTER OR SWORN STATEMENT THAT HE VIEWED THE SEALING OF CASKET AND THAT IT CONTAINED ONLY REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED. THIS PROCEDURE STILL REQUIRED BY U.S. CUSTOMS FOR
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SHIPMENT FROM SOME COUNTRIES AND SHOULD BE USED, WHENEVER

POSSIBLE, IN ANY CASE WHERE MORTICIAN'S STATEMENT NOT
AVAILABLE. DOES USLO FORSEE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS

PROCEDURE? ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE OPENING OF CASKET AT POE
AT DISCRETION OF CUSTOMS. INGERSOLL

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